

*ABSTRACT AMENDMENTS*

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A magnetic actuator includes a first yoke, an armature ~~which is provided~~ inside the first yoke and ~~made~~ movable in reciprocating motion along a first direction inside the first yoke, first and second coils fitted inside the first yoke, a pair of second yokes affixed to the first yoke along a second direction, and permanent magnets affixed to the second yokes ~~in a manner so that the permanent magnets are positioned face-to-face with the armature. In the magnetic actuator thus constructed, magnetic fluxes generated by the first and second coils pass through a first magnetic circuit whereas fluxes circuit and magnetic flux generated by the permanent magnets pass through a second magnetic circuit differing from the first magnetic circuit.~~